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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CONTRAST AGENTS WITH EXTENDED
BLOOD RETENTION

The prior application is assigned of record to Epix Medical, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, and recorded on March 24, 1995 at 7407/0470.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	59
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Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet (1 page)
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- New disclosure information, including:
 - Information disclosure statement (1 page)
 - PTO-1449 (1 page).
 - References, 4 items
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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. application serial no. 08/875,365, filed December 12, 1997, which is a §371 application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to PCT/US96/00164, filed January 16, 1996, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 as a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 08/382,317, filed February 1, 1995.

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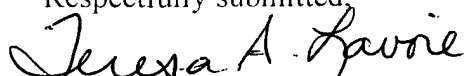
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